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TAGS: MILI, MOPS, CG  
SUBJECT: SHABAN DEVELOPMENTS: JUNE 9,1978

1. MILITARY SITUATION: NO HOSTILITIES REPORTED. NO  
FOREIGN TROOPS ARRIVED OR DEPARTED ON JUNE 8. LEGIONNAIRES  
REMAIN IN KOLWEZI, MOROCCANS IN LUBUMBASHI AREA, WHERE  
THEY ARE SETTING UP THEIR HEADQUARTERS, AND THE BELGIANS IN AL  
MINING TOWNS BETWEEN FUNGURUME AND KIPUSHI. ONLY FOUR  
US AIRFORCE C-141 ARRIVED ON JUNE 8. THEY BROUGHT TRUCKS  
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND WEAPONS FOR THE MOROCCANS AND  
DEPARTED EMPTY.

2. KOLWEZI: GECMINES (GCM) TEAM FROM LUBUMBASHI VISITED  
KOLWEZI ON JUNE 8, ACCOMPANIED BY CND CHIEF WHO SOUGHT  
TO END OBSTRUCTIONISM OF LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON  
REGULAR VISITS OF GCM PERSONNEL. GCM TEAM REPORTED THAT  
PARTIAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE WITHOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS.  
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3. OTHER MINING TOWNS: MILITARY GOVERNOR SINGA  
MET WITH GECAMINES REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF SHABAN  
MINING CENTERS ON JUNE 8 TO PROMISE UNOBSTRUCTED TRAVEL  
AND COMMERCE BETWEEN ALL TOWNS FROM KAKANDA IN WEST  
TO KIPUSHI IN EAST. ALTHOUGH SINGA HAD OFFERED SIMILAR  
GUARANTEES AT MEETING ON MAY 26, INABILITY TO ELIMINATE

ALL BARRICADES NECESSITATED SECOND MEETING

4. IN SESSION ON THE SAME DAY WITH THE BELIGIAN COMMUNITY IN LIKASI, COLONEL DEPOORTER COMNCHIEF OF THE BELGIAN UNITS, ANNOUNCED THE BELGIAN TROOPS WOULD BE DEPARTING IN FIFTEEN DAYS. THE REACTION WAS STRONGLY AGAINST SUCH A RAPID WITHDRAWAL. THERE WERE SIMILAR PROTESTS ON SAME DAY IN KIPUSHI. DEPARTURE OF ELEMENTS OF LEGIONNAIRES HAS NOT PRODUCED STRONG CONCERN BECAUSE ALL FRENCH TROOPS WHICH HAVE DEPARTED TO DATE WERE STATIONED IN VICINITY OF LUBUMBASHI, MOSTLY AT LARGE CAMPS NEAR THE AIR PORT, AND WERE NOT INVOLVED IN ROUTINE SECURITY PATROLS. A GECAMINES OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT COLONEL DEPOORTER MAY HAVE OFFERED THIS INFORMATION TO TEST PUBLIC REACTION. THE GENERAL ASSESSMENT IS THAT MOST OF SHABA'S EXPATRIATES AND ZAIRIAN PROFESSIONALS ARE STILL VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THE LIKELY EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PAN-AFRICAN FORCE.

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